

# Foreshadowing and Suspense

**Review** **Foreshadowing** is the technique of hinting about events that will occur later in a story. **Suspense** is growing tension and excitement felt by a reader.

**A. Directions:** For each numbered hint in the first column, **write** the letter of the event it foreshadows, in the second column.

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| <p>_____ 1. The weather started out sunny on Memorial Day, but blue skies can turn to gray in no time up here.</p>                              | <p>a. Ambulances from surrounding towns raced to the scene to carry the sickest parade-goers to local hospitals.</p>             |
| <p>_____ 2. When the mayor said, "I have a few brief remarks," everyone laughed. They had heard that before.</p>                                | <p>b. By 10:00 a.m. our uniforms were soaked, and some instruments were too wet to play.</p>                                     |
| <p>_____ 3. "Do these hot dogs look a little funny to you?" Mrs. Alda asked, as she began grilling them for the hungry crowd at the parade.</p> | <p>c. Half the crowd had melted away rather than hear more about our town's glories. The rest of us were dozing on our feet.</p> |

**B. Directions:** The following events add mounting suspense in a story. **Number** the events in order from 1 to 5. The first is done for you.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ As water from the dam pours across the countryside, the Edgertons make a desperate dash in their truck to avoid the flood.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Days of heavy rain flood the countryside around the Edgertons' house.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Edgertons' truck stalls in deep water. They take refuge in a church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A radio bulletin announces flooding has caused Cypress Dam to collapse.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The floodwaters rip the church off its foundation, sending it swirling down the Chickahauchee River.

**C. Directions:** **Answer** the following question.

5. What question about the Edgertons is uppermost in your mind?

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